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In re PATENT Application of:

Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.

Serial No. 09/197,534

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Group Unit: 2823

Examiner: William D. Coleman

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE
TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER
SECTION 1.97 IN A CONTINUING APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents
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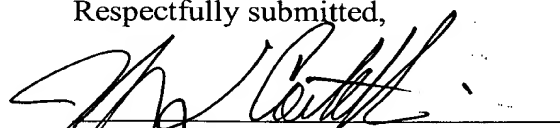
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for the withdrawal of this application from issue. The issue fee for this case was paid on December 29, 2004.

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of information in a continuing application. The continuing application is filed as a Request for Continued Prosecution Application (RCE). The RCE, which is entitled to priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 from this application, is being filed on the same date as this petition and accompanies this petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Petition Fee of \$130.00 or any deficiencies (except the issue fee) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (740756-1894). A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,


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